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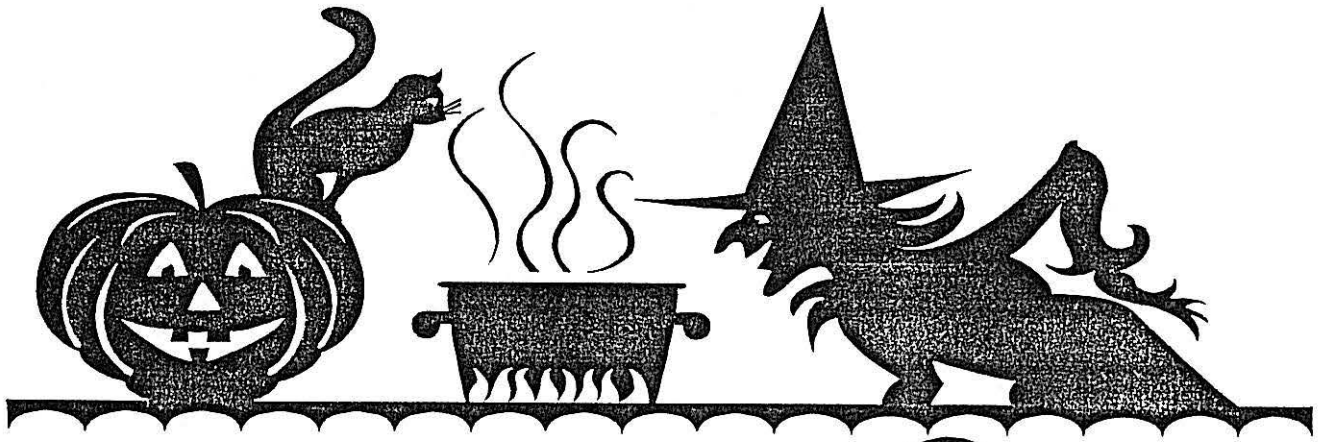
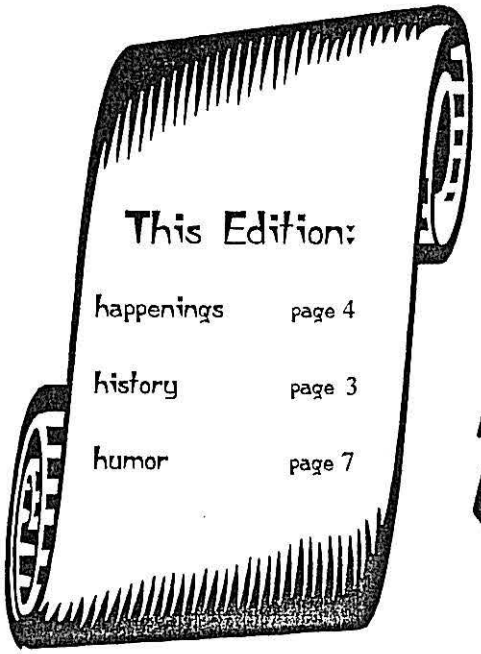
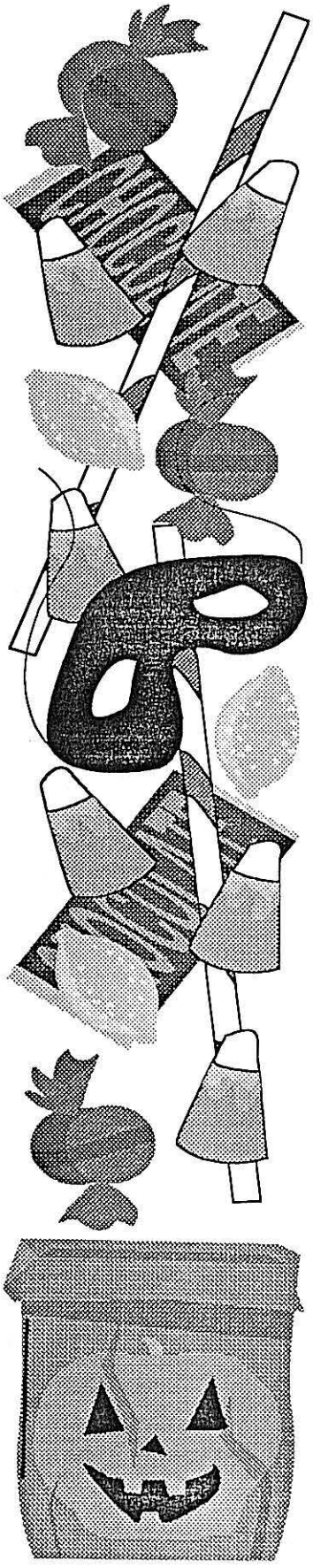




BOO!

From the Editor (assistant editor, that is)...

You didn't hear it from me, but the ***real*** reason the editor was operated on is ... **YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME YOU WON'T TELL HER I'M TELLING YOU...** I wanted a taste of power so I needed her out of the way, at least for awhile. I tried to talk to her, really I did. She just wouldn't listen to me, though. Editor had gone to her head. I have to bow to her when I come in the office, get her pop (she doesn't drink coffee), answer the phone, even fix her bra strap, and tolerate the constant whining about how her hair looks. I really have a demanding boss. Well, not to incriminate me or anything, a fight ensued and she fell against the desk, gashing her stomach, spewing blood and guts all over the office, then fell to the floor. I thought she was dead so I ran out of the building, thinking I had the job but didn't want to be around when security found her. I guess she revived soon after and found she was bleeding, and took herself to the hospital. So, since we are friends she let me stay on and I'm doing this edition. I think it's because she knows I'm the only one who would put up with all her crap and still work for her.

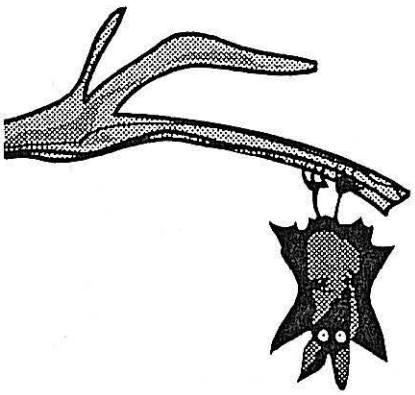


Trick or Treat
Student Pranksters Change Course Schedules at Nebraska Community College

NSNS

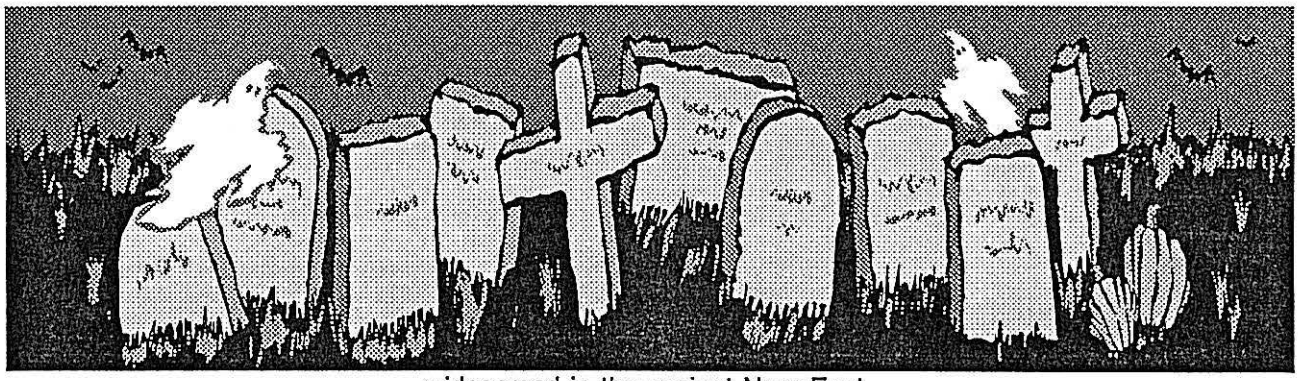
In a costly stunt, students at Metropolitan Community College in Nebraska inserted several "fake and silly" courses into courses into the official class schedule this fall.

Metro students were surprised to find that they could select such courses as "Nerd Dancing," "Road Kill Cuisine" and "Pig Latin." Administrators at the school said they spent almost $20,000 to reprint 250,000 schedules.



Monitor Staff
This Issue: Assistant Editor Shelia Keyser

and her new computer she bought with PFDs



HALLOWEEN

I found this information very interesting when I read it and wanted to share some of it with you.

Customs and superstitions gathered through the ages go into the celebration of Halloween, or All Hallows Eve, on October 31, the Christian festival of All Saints. It has its origins, however, in the autumn festivals of earlier times.

The ancient Druids had a three-day celebration at the beginning of November. They believed that on the last night of October spirits of the dead roamed abroad, and they lighted bonfires to drive them away. In ancient Rome the festival of Pomona, goddess of fruits and gardens, occurred at about this time of year. It was an occasion of rejoicing associated with the harvest; and nuts and apples, as symbols of the winter store of fruit, were roasted before huge bonfires. But these agricultural and pastoral celebrations also had a sinister aspect, with ghosts and witches thought to be on the prowl.

In many parts of the world where there has been a belief in witchcraft, witches are thought of as evil. Records of belief in witchcraft date back to prehistoric times. They are most often thought of as ugly old women, though references to beautiful young female and male witches exist.

Thousands of people were tried and convicted of witchcraft, and many were executed. In one of the last outbursts of this craze, the famous trials of 1692 in Salem, Mass., 19 persons were hanged. Belief in sorcery and witchcraft was widespread in the ancient Near East and Europe.

There are several references to sorcerers in the Old Testament, where they are frequently denounced and the offenses are punishable by death. In Greece witchcraft is mentioned in the writings of Homer. In both Greece and Rome only magical practices intended to be harmful were condemned and punished.

Among the Germanic peoples belief in and fear of witches was widespread. Laughing bands of guisers (young people disguised in grotesque masks) carved lanterns from turnips and carried them through the villages. In the United States children carved faces on hollowed-out pumpkins and put lighted candles inside to make jack-o'-lanterns. Halloween celebrations today reflect many of these early customs.

Another part of Halloween is the horror story. The nature of the horror story is best indicated by the title of the 1980s television series Tales from the Darkside. Human beings have always acknowledged that there is evil in the world and a dark side to human nature that cannot be explained except perhaps in religious terms. This evil may be imagined as having an almost unlimited power to inspire anxiety, fear, dread, and terror in addition to doing actual physical and mental harm. In the tale of horror quite ordinary people are confronted by something unknown and fearful, which can be neither understood nor explained in reasonable terms. It is the emphasis on the unreasonable that lies at the heart of horror stories. No single tale brings all of these elements together so well as the vampire legend, an ancient folk superstition.

The belief that the dead can return to haunt and harm the living has long been an element of fiction. Ghost stories are at least as old as the Bible: in the Old Testament, King Saul calls up the ghost of Samuel to foretell the outcome of a battle. In Shakespeare's 'Hamlet', the ghost of the slain king provides the information from which Hamlet plots revenge for his father's murder. Stories about the devil and lesser demons date at least as far back as the Middle Ages, when the Christian church tried to instill fear in the hearts of believers about the consequences of sin. Much horror literature is grounded in superstition, fear of demons, and the dread of death.

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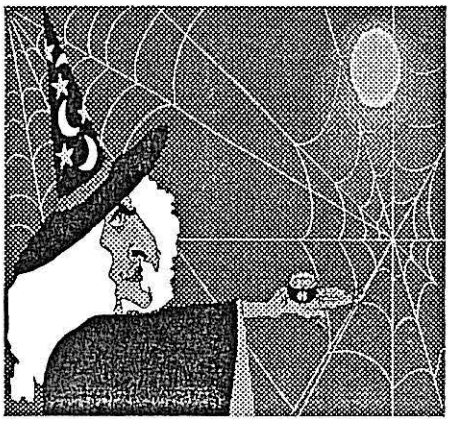


ghoulish events

MAT-SU VALLEY

SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY:

÷ Butte - Carnival, 31st, 6-8pm
÷ Cottonwood Creek - Safe Night Carnival, 31st, 5-7pm
÷ Finger Lake - PTA Harvest Festival Carnival, 28th, 5-8pm
÷ Goose Bay - PTA Fall Carnival, 31st, 6-8:30pm
÷ Iditarod - Pumpkin Festival, 27th, 6-8pm
÷ Snowshoe - Trick or Treat Night, 31st, 5-6pm
÷ Sutton - Carnival, 31st, 6-8pm
÷ Skwentna - Mini-Carnival, 31st, 6-8
÷ Willow - Carnival, 31st,4:30-6:30pm

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH:

÷ PJMS - 31st,
6th Grade: Class Parties,
7th & 8th Grades: Dance 2:40-4:40
÷ PHS - Dance, 27th, for students and preapproved guests, 8-11pm
÷ WHS - Dance, 28th, open to valley students, those interested should call to confirm, 8-11pm
÷ Su-Valley Jr/Sr - Dance sponsored by Student Government, 27th,
Jr High 7:30-9:30 $2;
Sr High 7:30-11:30 $3

COLLEGE:

÷ MSC - Haunted House, see page 6 for details.

VARIOUS CITIES

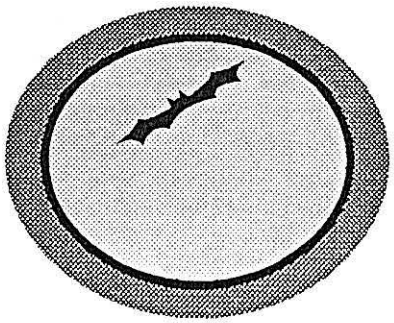
PALMER - Palmer Fire Dept. is sponsoring Children's Party at Palmer Fire Station 31st, 5:30-8:30pm

WASILLA - Alcantra Armory is having their 6th Annual Haunted House on the 28th from 5-9pm. at 3401 E. Bogard Road. Admission is 1 can of nonperishable food.

Cottonwood Creek Mall is providing a menagerie of halloween activities see page 5 for details.

TALKEETNA - VFW Post 3836 is hosting a Children's Night, 31st, 5:30-8:30pm

watering holes



♣ **wasilla bar** - 28st, costume contest, band 10pm-3:45am
♣ **four corners** - 28st, costume contest, band 9pm-?
♣ **klondike inn** - costume parties, ADULTS: 28th, 7-?, KIDS: 31st, 4-7pm
♣ **kashim** - 28th, costume contest, band 9pm-?
♣ **mug shot** - 28th, costume contest, band 10pm-3am
♣ **mat-su resort** - 28th, costume contest, karoke contest
♣ **dead dog saloon** - sexy costume contest 28th, 2am, 31st, 12am $100 prize per contest

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***If I have missed any activities, it was not intentional and I am sorry for any inconvenience it may have caused.

Cottonwood Creek Mall of Horrors

The mall is the place to be this halloween weekend. There is:

A kids carnival sponsored by msc and fox 4 kids club see page 6 for details.

Crime Prevention Fair sponsored by Wasilla Police and Mat-Su Crimestoppers, Inc

Haunted hotel 30th and 31st 5-9pm sponsored by Payless Drugs, MEA,, and Spenards Building Supply, admission $2 or 2 nonperishable food items, special for kids under 8. On the 31st, 4-6pm, escorts provided through the hotel for $1. Proceeds to go to Mat-Su Food Bank.

ON THE 31ST

Kids Carnival sponsored by Valley Women's Resource Center, Inc., 3-7pm. For children 10 and under. Admission is free.

Trick or treating, 4-6pm. Sponsored by Cottonwood Creek Mall Merchants,

Costume contest 6-7 pm, prizes for 1,2,3 place winners Age Divisions kids 0-5, 6-10, 11-16. Catergories are scariest, prettiest, ugliest, most original, and best group. Adults 17 and over catergories are best gal, best guy and best gruop,,

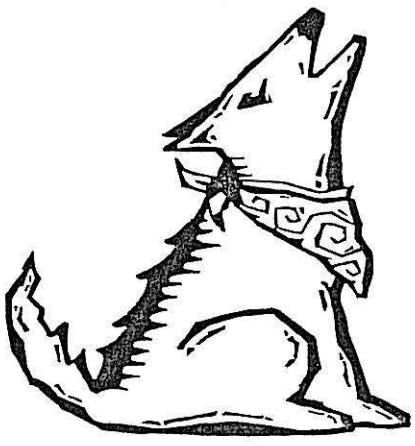
All at 4-7 pm

KMBQ Radio live remote coverage,

Free Ghoulish Makeovers Sponsored by Bill Macreth and Emergency Medical Services,

Photo buttons sponsored by kits cameras

have a howling good time



HALLOWEEN DESSERT PARTY AND PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

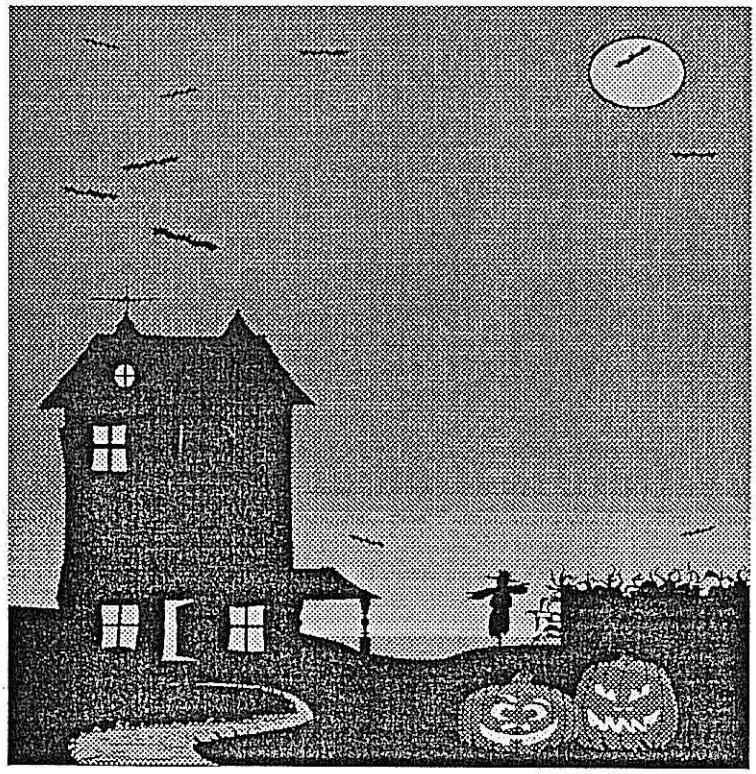
When: October 31st
Time: 1 - 4pm
Where: In the library

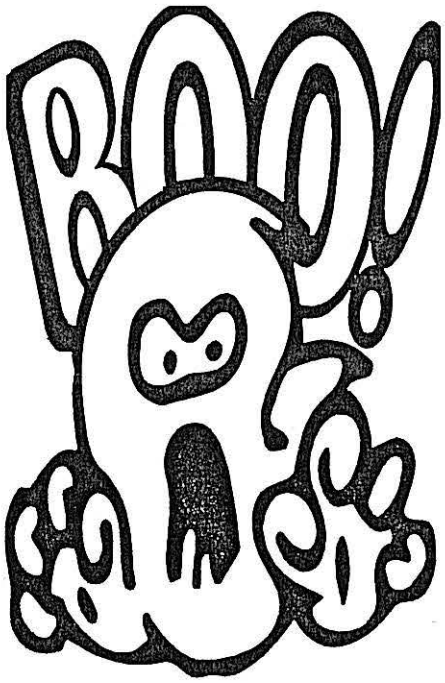
We encourage everyone to wear a costume.

FOR THE PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Bring a carved pumpkin to the library on October 31st by 11:00am to be entered to win a great prize.

Prepare for a Scare





COME IF YOU DARE

MSC will be hosting a Haunted House which is being presented by the Intro to Business Class and is being sponsored in part by MSC Student Government, Fox 4 Kids Club, AAHS Radio 650 AM and the Kiwanis Club of Palmer. The Haunted House will be held on campus at Mat-Su College and is open to the public. The Haunted House will be featuring a torture chamber, zombies and a morgue among other things. Hours of operation will be from 6:00pm to 9:00 pm October 27th and 31st, and from 12:00 to 9:00pm on October 28th. All proceeds will go to the Foundation for Cystic Fibrosis. There is an early bat special all day Friday and from 12:00 to 2:00 on Saturday. Saturday from 4:00 to 7:00 there is a two-for-one special. On Tuesday those who are in costume will receive special pricing.

In addition, the class will have a Costume Carnival at the Cottonwood Creek Mall on Saturday, the 28th from 10:00am to 6:00 pm with activities for the younger goblins. Kitty Fox and Cameron the Camera Man will be there from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. April from AAHS Radio will also be making an appearance. There will be face painting along with 14 different games for ages 4 to 10. A drawing will be held for a day of broadcasting with Kitty and Cameron. Tickets for activities will be twenty-five cents each. For more information call 746-9316.

HALLOWEEN HUMOR

What do you say after you shoot a werewolf with a silver bullet??

Doggone

What is one thing vampires can never be?

Red-blooded citizens

What do you use to measure a monster?

A graveyard stick

Where does Judge Dracula work?

Night court

What's the difference between an adult and a ghost?

One is all grown, the other is all groan.

What did the witch say to the ugly toad?

"I'd put a curse on you but someone beat me to it."

What turns off the lights on Halloween?

The light's witch.

When is it bad luck to meet a cat?

When you are a mouse.

What happens when a black cat eats a lemon?

It becomes a sour puss.

Why do vampires drink blood?

Pop makes them burp.

Why don't you ever see skeletons fighting?

They don't have the guts.

Why did the monster cross the road?

To bite someone on the other side.

What is more invisible than the invisible man?

His shadow.

Why did Frankenstein stick his finger in the electical socket?

He wanted to keep up on current events.

What would you get if you crossed a werewolf and a snowball?

Frostbite.

What would you get if you crossed a mummy with a necktie?

A Christmas present for Dad that's already wrapped.

What would you get if you crossed a monster and a cat?

A neighborhood without any dogs.

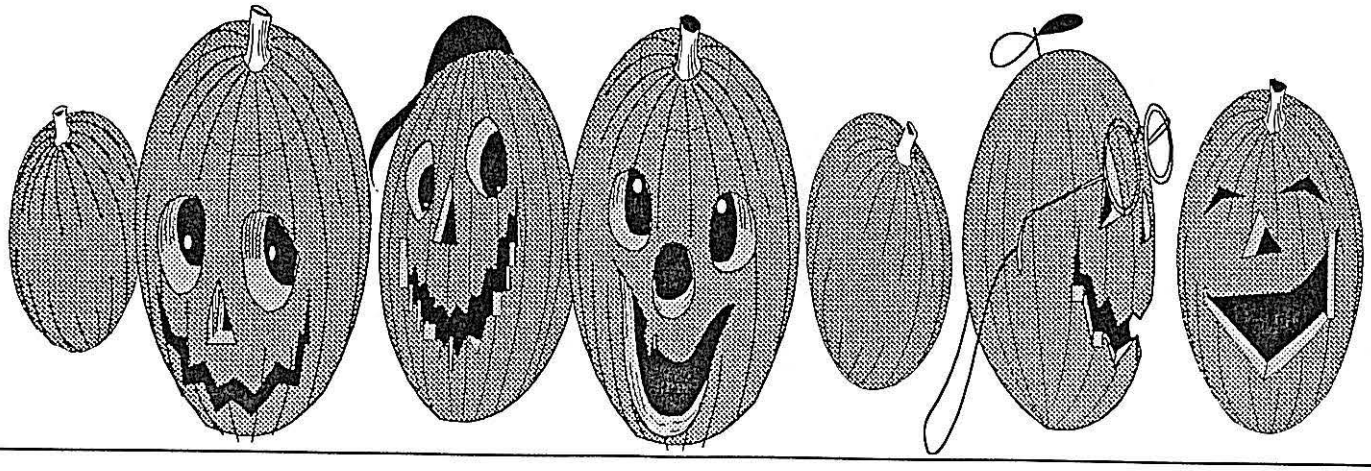
What kind of fur do you get from a werewolf?

As fur as you can get.

Knock knock.
Who's there?
Hairy.
Hairy, who?
Hairy up and finish these ridiculous jokes!!

Hope you got a chuckle or two.

*These jokes were excerpted from : 101 Spooky Halloween Jokes, Scholastic Inc, 1993, 102 Wacky Monster Jokes, Watermill Press.



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HALLOWEEN
from the monitor staff